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HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1 2026–27 • WEEK 4 • 23.09.26

WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

Hanslope Primary School

It's been another busy and exciting week at Hanslope Primary School! From launching our new curriculum topics with some fantastic **Kickstart Days**, to celebrating our children's achievements and welcoming you to another member of the team in our **Meet the Team** feature. There is lots to share with you this week. We're also excited to share our plans to transform the courtyard into a lovely reading haven, and some important dates and events coming up.

As always, thank you for your continued support – it really does help us make Hanslope such a wonderful place for our children to learn, grow and thrive. ❤️

CELEBRATING OUR WINNERS



Our house point winners from last week were:

Owl House!

Congratulations!

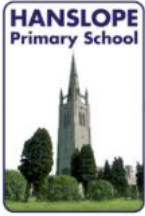
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our weekly school attendance figures:

Group	% Attend
Larch	98.3
Laurel	93.3
Alder	100
Hazel	98.3
Rowan	95.4
Redwood	95.7
Blackthorn	96.6
Hawthorn	97.4
Hornbeam	93.5
Totals	96.5

Congratulations to **Alder class! A full house!**



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OUR NEW CURRICULUM – AT A GLANCE

Take a look at how our KS1 and LKS2 Kickstart days went below! Keep an eye out for future editions where you'll see more information about our UKS2 kickstart which is taking place in the next few weeks.

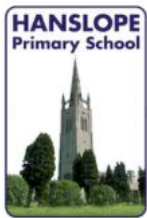
For our **Year 3/4 History Kickstart Day**, the children launched our new topic, **Stones, Bones and Iron Thrones**, with a day full of exciting practical activities designed to spark curiosity about prehistoric Britain.

Throughout the day, the children took part in four different experiences. They created prehistoric-inspired artwork using pictures, marks and symbols; built and tested model shelters in the woodland; worked together to reconstruct a mammoth skeleton and investigate clues; and explored prehistoric metalwork by creating their own repeated decorative patterns.

The children were encouraged to think like archaeologists throughout the day. They looked closely at evidence, shared ideas, tested their thinking and considered what we can and cannot know for certain about the past. They also generated their own questions about prehistoric life, which we will return to as our learning develops.

It was a fantastic way to begin our journey through the **Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age**, and the children showed lots of curiosity, teamwork and thoughtful historical thinking.





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💧 Great Fire of London Kickstart Day! 💧

What a fantastic day we had in KS1 kicking off our new Great Fire of London topic! The children had a brilliant time getting stuck into a range of hands-on activities and discovering what life was like in London in 1666.

We began by learning about how the fire started and why it spread so quickly, exploring some of the key reasons why the fire became such a devastating event.

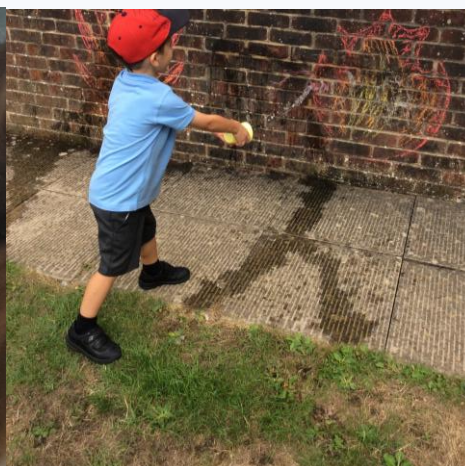
📦 The children then had a go at making their own bread, before discovering how butter is made by shaking double cream! And, of course, what better way to shake our cream than to the sound of Taylor Swift's *Shake It Off*? 🎵 📖 There were certainly some very enthusiastic shakers!

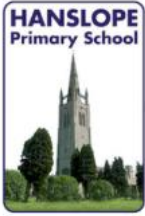
We also got creative with some Great Fire of London-inspired artwork, using tissue paper and the events of 1666 as inspiration.

Finally, the children stepped back in time and became part of a human chain, working together to try to put out a pretend fire - just as people would have done during the Great Fire of London. It was a fantastic opportunity to understand, in a fun and memorable way, how people worked together to try to stop the flames spreading.

It was a **fantastic day of learning, creativity, teamwork and plenty of laughter** - a brilliant way to start our Great Fire of London topic!

A great day was had by all!





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Meet the Team!

Each week, we're going to shine a little spotlight on **one of the wonderful members of our Hanslope Primary School team**, giving our families and wider school community the chance to get to know the people who make our school special. From their role in school to their favourite things, we'll be sharing a little more about the people behind the smiles! 💖 This week, we're starting in KS1 with our **Assistant Headteacher, UKS2 Lead and Year 1/2 Class Teacher, Mrs Lovegood** 🙋



ALL ABOUT MRS LOVEGOOD

1 My name is: Mrs Lovegood

2 My favourite colour is: Pink!

3 My favourite place that I have ever been to: Canada - truly the most beautiful views in the world!

4 Children's books that I like: I've always loved Harry Potter - my favourite is book 3: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban!

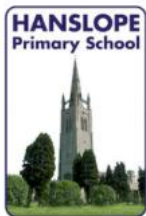
5 If I wasn't a teacher, I'd be... ...an events planner - I really enjoy helping out with the PTA!

6 When I was at school, I was really good at... PE! I'm still competitive now!

7 My favourite food is... Sushi!

8 I am happiest when... ...I can enjoy a slow morning, without an alarm clock.

9 Something interesting about me is... ...I have done a bungee jump and I would love to do a sky dive!

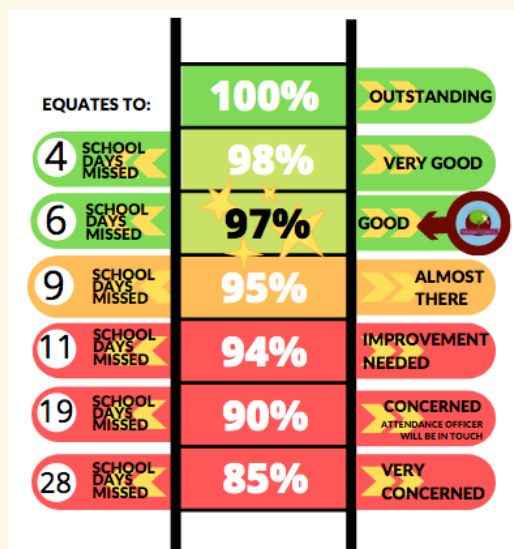


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DID YOU KNOW...

If your child finishes the year with **95% attendance** they will still have missed 10 full school days, which equates to around **55 hours of learning time**. In fact, if your child misses just one day each week, it equates to them missing 20% of the year, with their weekly attendance sitting at just **80%**.

Remember – every day counts!



KEEP UP TO DATE

Join the Hanslope School Facebook group and check the school website for news, events and calendar updates.

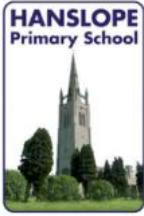
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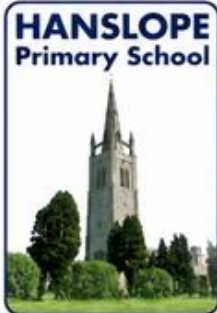
Extra-Curricular Celebrations

At Hanslope School, we are incredibly proud of the wonderful achievements our pupils make both in and out of the classroom. Whether it's sports, music, art, volunteering, competitions, clubs or even personal milestones – **we'd love to hear about it!** If your child has done something fantastic outside of school that you think deserves a special mention, please let us know so we can celebrate it in our school newsletter. Big or small, every achievement matters!

Send your stories, photos or details to: emma.norris@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk



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Help us ♥ transform our courtyard!

A brighter place to read!

We're hoping to turn our outdoor courtyard into a welcoming space where children can sit, relax and enjoy a good book.

Do you have any good-quality garden furniture you no longer need?

We'd particularly love:



Outdoor chairs



Benches



Tables



Garden sofas

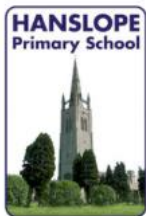


Other suitable seating

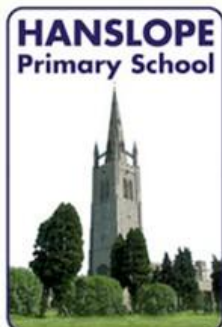
If you have something you'd be happy to donate, please contact the school office.

Let's create a lovely little reading haven for our children! ♥





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OPEN DAY

New Year 3 Intake 2027

Is your child starting Year 3 in **September 2027**?

If so, please come and visit us!

Our open sessions for September 2027 intake will be taking place on:



9:30am
& 1:15pm

and



5:30pm

Ofsted

In **June 2023** OFSTED highlighted our:



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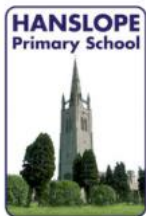
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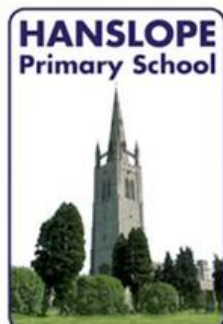
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During the session you will have a guided tour of our school and
have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

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In June 2023 our Early Years Provision was rated **OUTSTANDING** by OFSTED.



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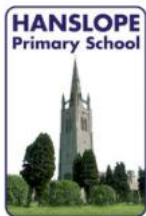
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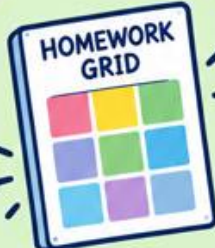


Our New Homework Style



Learning Beyond the Classroom

We are excited to introduce our new topic-based homework grids across the school! Each year group phase has a grid of creative and meaningful activities linked to their current topic.



Each year group has their own homework grid linked to their topic.



Choose 1 or as many tasks as you wish!



Get creative, have fun and explore your interests!



Completed homework will be displayed in school for everyone to see!

Parents' Evening

Come and see the fantastic homework our children have been doing!

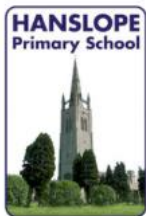
Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October
3:30pm – 6:00pm

We can't wait to share your amazing work!



Homework grids can be downloaded from our [website here](#) – just click on your child(ren)s year group to find the **Autumn 1** grid.

Alternatively, if you would like us to print one out for you, please ask your child(ren)s class teacher.



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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENTS



Dear Year Y6 Parents/Carers,

Elizabeth Woodville School are delighted to invite you and your child to our upcoming **Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 15 October 2026**. This event is a wonderful opportunity to experience life at the school, explore our facilities, and find out more about the exciting journey ahead as your child prepares for the transition to secondary school.

Headteacher Presentations

To welcome you to our school, our Headteacher will be delivering three presentation sessions throughout the evening:

[Talk 1 - 5:00 pm](#)

[Talk 2 - 5:30 pm](#)

[Talk 3 - 6:00 pm](#)

Due to capacity, we strongly advise booking a slot for one of the three talks in advance. Please reserve your place using the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.com/elizabeth-woodville-school->

Guided School Tours

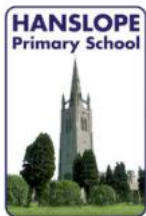
Directly following each Headteacher presentation, you will be taken on a guided tour of the school.

Led by our current students, these tours will give you a firsthand look at our specialist subject departments, where you can meet our teaching staff, see interactive demonstrations, and ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school community. If you have any questions prior to the event, please do not hesitate to contact our main office.

Elizabeth Woodville School: <https://www.ewsacademy.org.uk/>





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**Ages
5 - 15**



**9am - 5pm
Extended day
8:30 am-5:30 pm**

Activities may include

- Water sports & bushcraft
 - Climbing & abseiling
 - Arts & crafts
 - Bouncy castle & zorbing
 - Scavenger hunt & rocket challenge
 - Team games & confidence-building challenges
- (Activities vary by age, weather and day)

Childcare vouchers welcome

Early bird offer

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2026

**Half term &
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Scan to book**



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**Ages
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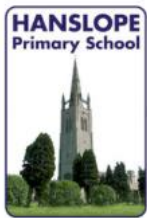
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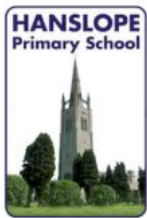


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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / INFORMATION
25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
21 st October/22 nd October	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm-6pm
23 rd October	Break up for half-term
2 nd November	Return to school
12 th November	Autumn Disco
13 th November	Children in Need
17 th November	New starter tour for EYFS @ 10am – please contact the office to book
18 th November	New starter tour for Year 3 @ 10am – please contact the office to book
19 th November	New starter tour for EYFS and Year 3 @ 5pm – please contact the office to book
26 th November	Christmas Fayre
8 th December	KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30am
9 th December	KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30am
11 th December	EYFS Christmas Songs @ 2.30pm
15 th December	UKS2 Christmas Carols and Christingle – St James' Church @ 9.30am
18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day End of Term – school is finishing at 1.15pm
4 th January	INSET Day
5 th January	Return to school

If you know of anyone who may be looking for a school place for 27-28, or – alternatively – someone looking for alternative school provision for this academic year, please encourage them to get in touch!



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CONTACTING HANSLOPE SCHOOL

Please use the contact below that best matches your query. For urgent matters throughout the school day, please contact the school office.

CONTACT	DETAILS
Executive Headteacher	Carrie Matthews carrie.matthews@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Interim Headteacher	Lisa Lawrence lisa.lawrence@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Safeguarding	DSL Team DSL@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Administration	School Office admin@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Site	Site Team site@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Telephone	01908 510245
Address	Hanslope Primary School Long Street Road, Hanslope Milton Keynes, MK19 7BL

Teaching staff email addresses

Individual teaching staff email addresses are available on the Hanslope School website under 'Meet the Staff.'

[View Meet the Staff](#)

Please remember that staff emails are not monitored throughout the teaching day.